

# Maximizing Academic & Personal Success

If you are **INTERESTED** in becoming a **MAPS Research Intern**, please fill out a **Student Researcher Application**, which can be found in a manila envelope outside of Dr. Grant's Sierra Tower office (ST 335). After completing the application, give it to someone in the Psychology Department Office (SH 376) for insertion into Dr. Grant's mailbox.

[Do not put under my office door!]

Applications will be reviewed during finals week or early summer, interviews scheduled, and final decisions made for positions starting in the Summer and extending through the end of the next Spring semester. The MAPS Project requires a year-long commitment.

Please direct further questions to Dr. Grant as follows:  
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The **MAPS** Research Project . . . .

*Exploring Pathways to Actualize Student Potential.*

Sheila K. Grant, Ph.D.,  
Founder & Director of the

## MAPS Research Project

This project is a formal, systematic educational research program, exploring the differences between the resilient and the at-risk student. Exploration of various social and psychological factors is conducted to ascertain which variables or sets of variables contribute to this lack of academic success.

The MAPS project is currently expanding into a new dynamic area of research investigating "The Effects of Stereotype Threat on Academic Performance." The MAPS project is also developing an intervention aimed at "Reducing the Effects of Stereotype Threat on Educational Quality of Life for Students of Color."

**Research Interns will receive training in basic and applied research principles and gain experience in drafting assessments, coding, data entry, and analyzing results. Motivated students will have the opportunity to prepare and present posters at professional meetings and co-author articles, depending on the nature of their contributions to the overall project.**

**The MAPS project offers Experience and Mentorship in psychological research providing the knowledge and training necessary to make a student more marketable for acceptance to a competitive, research-based graduate programs in psychology.**

*Note: Application on backside*

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## MAPS Research Project

Dr. Sheila K. Grant

### Student Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

College Standing (Please circle one):                  Freshman      Sophomore      Junior      Senior

Please indicate whether you have taken any of the following classes:

Psy 320/320L (Statistics) (circle)                  Yes      No      Grade Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Psy 321/321L (Research Methods) (circle)      Yes      No      Grade Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Overall GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Your GPA in major of Psychology: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please attach unofficial transcript or DARS)

What are your aspirations for graduate school (if any)?

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What Interests you about Dr. Grant's MAPS Research Project?

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What do you hope to learn?

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Are you willing to commit to a two semester involvement in the

(please circle)      Yes      No      Maybe

And available to START with lab orientation and putting in some hours on the MAPS Project this summer?

(please circle)      Yes      No      Maybe

You may be eligible to receive units (i.e., up to 3 units each semester of either Psy 499 or Psy 498 for a total of 6 units)? For your work on the MAPS Project

Where can you be reached?

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Call for Applications are at the end of each Spring semester (i.e., last day of instruction). After reviewing all submitted applications, you will be scheduled for an interview with the MAPS Advisory Board soon after final examinations; acceptance decisions will be made approximately one week later.**